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FM AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1635

AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - PARA 1 LINES 4 & 8

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (WOLFF, LESTER)

SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF: REQUEST TO VISIT LONGKESH

1. CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF, WHO IS NOW IN DUBLIN ON AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT ASKED US ON NOV 14 TO PLACE A FORMAL REQUEST WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR HIM TO BE ALLOWED TO VISIT LONG KESH PRISON IN NORTHERN IRELAND. WE SAID THAT SINCE WE WERE NOT ACCREDITED TO HMG, THE EMBASSY WAS IN NO POSITION TO MAKE SUCH A FORMAL REQUEST. IN ADDITION WE CITED THE EXTREMELY SHORT TIME LIMIT, (THE CONGRESSMAN PLANS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON NOV 16 OR LATEST NOV. 17). WE SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO TALK TO BRITISH AUTHORITIES OR CONTACT UK EMBASSY HERE. HE SAID HE MIGHT DO THIS, BUT NEVERTHELESS HE ALSO WANTED US TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL REQUEST ON HIS BEHALF.

2. ON NOVEMBER 15, BEFORE THIS MESSAGE COULD BE TRANSMITTED, UK EMBASSY TELEPHONED TO INFORM US THAT HMG HAD NOTIFIED ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT THE CONGRESSMAN'S REQUEST HAD BEEN DENIED ON GROUNDS THAT VISITS RESTRICTED TO SPECIFIC CATEGORIES (FAMILY, RED CROSS ETC) AND THAT RELAXATION OF THIS RULE WOULD OPEN FLOODGATES TO REQUESTS FOR PERMISSION TO VISIT LONG KESH.

3. THE CONGRESSMAN WAS MADE AWARE OF UK EMBASSY DUBLIN STATEMENT
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BUT ASKED THAT, NEVERTHELESS, OUR TELEGRAM GO FORWARD.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY LONDON TRANSMIT TO HMG1
CONGRESSMAN WOLFF'S REQUEST THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO VISIT LONG
KESH PRISON.
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